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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, the undersigned, declare that:

1. My name and residence is as listed below.
2. I am a joint inventor in the above-identified patent application ("The Patent Application").
3. The undersigned Hong Q. Hou participated in the development of processes for the fabrication of solar cells, and prepared records describing such processes, prior to March 29, 1999.
4. The document attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a summary of an actual process control instruction sheet as stored in computer archival storage maintained by the assignee of the Patent Application, Emcore Corporation of Somerset, New Jersey ("Emcore"), at its

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Albuquerque, New Mexico facility. The print-out was printed from the archival storage file on May 4, 2004, as indicated by the date on the top right hand portion of page 1.

5. Associated file records of Emcore, attached hereto as Exhibit 2, with the actual dates being redacted, show that the date of the original document represented in Exhibit 1, and correspondingly the actual E6523 process run itself, was made prior to March 29, 1999.

6. Exhibit 1 is a summary of the growth "recipe" of a test run of a triple-junction solar cell. The "recipe" is a sequence of instructions for controlling an Emcore E400 Reactor (hereinafter, the "Reactor") installed at Emcore's facilities in Somerset, New Jersey, used for metal organic chemical vapor deposition (MOVCD) growth of identified chemical elements or compounds on the surface of a substrate contained in the reactor chamber.

7. Each line in the summary file represents a distinct layer of the solar cell or a process step performed as part of the fabrication process.

8. The detailed recipe control from which this summary was generated was loaded into a control computer of an E-400 model MOVCD reactor to control the "on" or "off" switches and amount of gas flow of each chemical from a bubbler through gas lines in the reactor.

9. The identified E6523 process identified in Exhibit 1 is one of a number of actual process runs conducted on a germanium substrate for research and development purposes relating to the deposition of surface layers for the creation of different solar cell semiconductor structures that were conducted on the Reactor in Somerset, NJ during 1999.

10. The undersigned Hong Q. Hou participated in both the conception and specification of the materials systems and layers of the desired solar cell, and the actual implementation and performance of the E6523 process of Exhibit 1 on the Reactor. The E6523 process of Exhibit 1 resulted in the fabrication of a wafer including a solar cell having at least an InGaP layer formed directly on the surface of a germanium substrate, i.e., a layer containing both In and P.

11. Referring to page 1 of Exhibit 1, the entry beginning with "TMAI" represents the process instructions for a first reactant, which in the E6523 process actually corresponds to the flow of trimethylindium. The use of the term "Al" in the "TMAI" was included in the software control instruction because the software identifying the register of the control line was designed and used in the past for a similar process involving aluminum, rather than indium. Since the use of indium as a constituent element was a new idea, the actual chemical compound in the bubbler connected to the "Al" line was changed to trimethylindium. However, the computer software had not yet been rewritten to designate "indium" or "In" instead of "aluminum" or "Al," along with its deposition conditions when the actual E6523 process was performed.

12. The process associated with the flow of trimethylindium at various timed intervals is represented by the sequence of columns to the right of the process instruction entries labeled Layer #1, Layer #2, etc., with various specified time durations.

13. The process instructions on page 1, line 4 beginning with "TMGa# 1-4," and continuing on to the first two entries on page 2, correspond to the flow of trimethylgallium, the metal organics for gallium.

14. On page 2, line 3 of Exhibit 1, the process instructions labeled "ASH3#2_42" on page 2, line 3, corresponds to the flow of arsine.
15. On page 2, line 4, the entry line labeled "PH3_43" identifies a process instruction to the Reactor associated with the flow of phosphine at various timed intervals represented by the columns (labeled on page 1) as Layer #1 (4.000 min), Layer #2 (6.000 min), etc. The letters "V" and "R" indicate that the flow is switched from a "vent" position to a "run" position, with the phosphine being introduced into the reactive chamber at the time intervals corresponding to the "R" notations.
16. The nucleation layer is designed to be n-type doped in InGaP on Ge. During the growth of the nucleation layer of InGaP, only TMIn and TMG were supplied for group-III growth; phosphine for group-V growth, and a doping quantity of silane was provided as dopant.
17. The ratio of gas flows between TMIn and TMGa were adjusted to make the lattice constant of InGaP match that of the Ge substrate.
18. Although it is not designated in Exhibit 1, a germanium substrate was selected and used in the E6523 process.
19. The undersigned Mark A. Stan, Nein Y. Li, Frank A. Spadafora, Paul R. Sharps, and Navid S. Fatemi each participated in the development of the subject matter claimed in this patent application after March 29, 1999.

20. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statement were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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EXHIBIT 1

E6523 Process

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Process comments :

NUC66 recipe: P drive-in instead of As drive-in
 2P, 3P mixed platter with new pockets

BASELINE: e6517 WITH MODIFICATIONS AND SPECIFICS

Modifications: Baseline for TJN runs

Layer30, Time 1.9>0.95 min (InGaAlP BSF), InGaP base 10>6.5 min

Purpose: P drive-in with InGaP nucleation

Test: Surfscan, Polaron, PL, and V-probe

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TMA1_7	400.00ccm	400.00ccm	400.00ccm	650.00ccm	852.00ccm
	I	I	V	V	V
TMA1#1 Pres_23	250.0Tor	250.0Tor	250.0Tor	250.0Tor	250.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R
TMA1#1_7 MoleFr	0.5700per	0.5700per	0.5700per	0.5700per	0.5700per
	I	I	I	I	I
TMGa#1_4	41.00ccm	41.00ccm	41.00ccm	41.00ccm	41.00ccm
	I	I	I	I	V
TMGa#1 Pres_20	950.0Tor	950.0Tor	950.0Tor	950.0Tor	950.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R
TMGa#2_5	140.00ccm	140.00ccm	140.00ccm	140.00ccm	140.00ccm
	I	I	I	I	I
TMGa#2 Pres_21	350.0Tor	350.0Tor	350.0Tor	350.0Tor	350.0Tor

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	R	R	R	R	R
TEGa_6	36.10ccm	36.10ccm	36.10ccm	36.10ccm	36.10ccm
	I	I	I	I	I
TEGa Pres_22	475.0Tor	475.0Tor	475.0Tor	475.0Tor	475.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R
ASH3#2_42	0.0ccm	0.0ccm	0.0ccm	0.0ccm	0.0ccm
	V	V	V	V	V
PH3_43	0ccm	400ccm	400ccm	400ccm	1800ccm
	V	R	R	R	R
CC14_1	200.00ccm	200.00ccm	200.00ccm	200.00ccm	200.00ccm
	I	I	I	I	I
CC14 D11_57	200.0ccm	200.0ccm	200.0ccm	200.0ccm	200.0ccm
	R	R	R	R	R
CC14 mix_58	133.00ccm	133.00ccm	133.00ccm	133.00ccm	133.00ccm
	R	R	R	R	R
CC14 Pres_17	300.0Tor	300.0Tor	300.0Tor	300.0Tor	300.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R

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	V	V	I	I	I
TMA1#1 Pres_23	250.0Tor	250.0Tor	250.0Tor	250.0Tor	250.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R
TMA1#1_7 MoleFr	0.5700per	0.5700per	0.6000per	0.6000per	0.6000per
	R	R	I	I	I
TMGa#1_4	41.00ccm	41.00ccm	100.00ccm	100.00ccm	100.00ccm
	V	R	V	V	R
TMGa#1 Pres_20	950.0Tor	950.0Tor	950.0Tor	950.0Tor	950.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R
TMGa#2_5	140.00ccm	140.00ccm	140.00ccm	140.00ccm	140.00ccm
	I	I	V	V	R
TMGa#2 Pres_21	350.0Tor	350.0Tor	350.0Tor	350.0Tor	350.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R
TEGa_6	36.10ccm	36.10ccm	36.10ccm	36.10ccm	36.10ccm
	I	I	I	I	I

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TEGa Pres_22	475.0Tor	475.0Tor	475.0Tor	475.0Tor	475.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R
ASH3#2_42	0.0ccm	0.0ccm	0.0ccm	1200.0ccm	1200.0ccm
	V	V	V	V	R
PH3_43	2000ccm	2000ccm	400ccm	400ccm	0ccm
	R	R	R	R	V
CC14_1	200.00ccm	200.00ccm	200.00ccm	200.00ccm	200.00ccm
	I	I	I	I	I
CC14 Dil_57	200.0ccm	200.0ccm	200.0ccm	200.0ccm	200.0ccm
	R	R	R	R	R
CC14 mix_58	133.00ccm	133.00ccm	133.00ccm	133.00ccm	133.00ccm
	R	R	R	R	R
CC14 Pres_17	300.0Tor	300.0Tor	300.0Tor	300.0Tor	300.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R

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TMA1_7	2.400min	0.100min	1.330min	0.500min	1.000min
	I	I	I	I	I
TMA1#1 Pres_23	400.00ccm	400.00ccm	400.00ccm	400.00ccm	400.00ccm
	R	R	R	R	R
TMA1#1_7 MoleFr	0.6000per	0.6000per	0.6000per	0.6000per	0.6000per
	I	I	I	I	I
TMGa#1_4	100.00ccm	54.17ccm	54.17ccm	54.17ccm	54.17ccm
	R	V	R	V	R
TMGa#1 Pres_20	950.0Tor	950.0Tor	950.0Tor	950.0Tor	950.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R
TMGa#2_5	140.00ccm	140.00ccm	140.00ccm	140.00ccm	140.00ccm
	R	I	I	I	V
TMGa#2 Pres_21	350.0Tor	350.0Tor	350.0Tor	350.0Tor	350.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R
TEGa_6	36.10ccm	36.10ccm	36.10ccm	36.10ccm	36.10ccm
	I	V	V	V	R
TEGa Pres_22	475.0Tor	475.0Tor	475.0Tor	475.0Tor	475.0Tor
	R	R	R	R	R
ASH3#2_42	1200.0ccm	400.0ccm	400.0ccm	400.0ccm	400.0ccm
	R	R	R	R	R

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PH3_43	0ccm V	0ccm V	0ccm V	0ccm V	0ccm V
CC14_1	200.00ccm V	200.00ccm V	200.00ccm V	200.00ccm V	200.00ccm R
CC14 Dil_57	200.0ccm R	200.0ccm R	200.0ccm R	200.0ccm R	200.0ccm R
CC14 mix_58	133.00ccm R	133.00ccm R	133.00ccm R	133.00ccm R	133.00ccm R
CC14 Pres_17	300.0tor R	300.0tor R	300.0Tor R	300.0Tor R	300.0Tor R

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TMA1#1 Pres_23	250.0tor R	250.0tor R	250.0tor R	250.0tor R	250.0tor R
TMA1#1_7 MoleFr	0.6000per I	0.6000per I	0.6000per I	0.6000per X	0.6000per I
TMGa#1_4	54.17ccm R	100.00ccm V	100.00ccm R	100.00ccm R	100.00ccm R
TMGa#1 Pres_20	950.0tor R	950.0tor R	950.0tor R	950.0tor R	950.0tor R
TMGa#2_5	140.00ccm V	140.00ccm V	140.00ccm R	140.00ccm R	140.00ccm R
TMGa#2 Pres_21	350.0tor R	350.0tor R	350.0tor R	350.0tor R	350.0tor R
TEGa_6	36.10ccm R	36.10ccm I	36.10ccm I	36.10ccm I	103.00ccm I
TEGa Pres_22	475.0tor R	475.0tor R	475.0tor R	475.0tor R	475.0tor R
ASH3#2_42	1000.0ccm R	1200.0ccm R	1200.0ccm R	1200.0ccm R	1200.0ccm R
PH3_43	0ccm V	0ccm V	0ccm V	0ccm V	0ccm V
CC14_1	50.00ccm Page 4	200.00ccm Page 4	200.00ccm Page 4	200.00ccm Page 4	200.00ccm Page 4

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